

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In an Office Action dated August 28, 2006, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Claims 1-28; Claims 38-53; and Claims 29-37 and 54-70 were distinct inventions. Specifically, the Examiner divided the claims into the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-28, drawn to a process for treating bitumen froth, classified in class 208, subclass 390.
- II. Claims 38-53, drawn to a process for treating tailings, classified in class 210, subclass 750.
- III. Claims 29-37 and 54-70, drawn to an apparatus, classified in class 422, subclass 188.

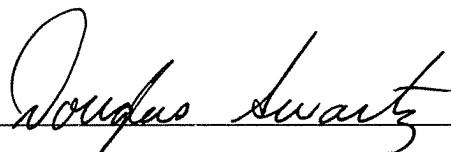
Applicant has canceled all pending claims and added new claims 71-77, thereby rendering the restriction requirement moot. Of the three claim groups, the newly added claims correspond to Group I (Claims 1-28).

Applicant attaches herewith a marked-up copy of the Specification and a clean copy of the Specification.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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